annual statements of Accounts and proofs of qualifying membership strength by 31st January, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof with dates since when they had not compiled with the provision;

(c) the details of those who have since submitted the document within specified time;

(d) what are the details of actions initiated against those who have not complied with the provision even by 31st January, 1995;

(e) what are the methods of deciding veracity and authenticity claims made by service Associations in this regard; and

(f) when and from where the methodology emerged?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement containing the requisite information is annexed. *See* below).

(d) to (f) The Board of Governers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan in its 58th Meeting held on 20-4-95 have decided to adopt the instructions issued by Deptt. of Personnel & Training regarding recognition of Service Associations and verification of Membership of associations, in respect of the 'employees' associations of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Statement

Submission of membership strength and Annual accounts statement by Sirvice Associations and of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

1. *ALL INDIA KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONs*

Submitted the membership strength as on 28-12-93 Annual accounts statements for the year 1993-94 not submitted.

2. *KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA PRINCIPAL'S FORUM*

Submitted the membership strength and Annual Accounts Statement upto the year 1993-94.

3. *KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN STAFF ASSOCIATION.*

KVSSA has submitted the membership strength upto 11.7.1994. Annual accounts statement for the year 1993-94 not submitted.

4. *RASHTRIYA KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA ADHYAPAK SANGH (J):*

The Sangh has forwarded the membership strength and Annual accounts statement for the year 1993-94.

5. *RASHTRIYA KENDRIYA VIDYALA ADHYAPAK SANGH (S):*

Required information is still awaited.

6. *KEVINTSA*

Required information is still awaited.

Powers to the National Commission for women

4164. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE.
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the 'Indian Express' dated 6th January, 1995, captioned 'Inquiry into crime against women in respect of some 50 women each with a harrouring tale, let down by the police and judiciary, which came to the National Commission for Women; and

(b) if so, whether the National Commission for Women possesses adequate powers and administrative and enforcement mechanism to impart justice to victims if not, what additional powers are proposed to be given to the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission for Women Act, 1990 adequately empowers the National Commission for Women to investigate and examine matters relating to safeguards provided for women and suggest remedies, whenever necessary, which are required to be acted up by concerned authorities. In the exercise of such powers to fulfill its functions specified in Section 10 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, the Commission, during the first three years, has:

(a) reviewed several laws affecting women and recommended amendments thereto so as to suggest remedial legislative measures to overcome the shortcomings in such legislations;

(b) looked into over 800 cases relating to atrocities, deprivation of women's rights etc. and taken them up with the appropriate authorities;

(c) organised 23 workshops/seminars/conferences on issues concerning women and published reports thereon,

(d) commissioned about 31 study projects on gender issues;

(e) organised public enquiries on 'women in unorganised sector' and 'crimes against women';

(f) set up six Expert Committees on various subjects, including social security, laws and legislations, justice delivery system, custodial justice and development of tribal women to study special issues.

(g) organised consultations with lady members of Parliament and NGOs on issues concerning women.

Review of Education Policy

4165. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately undertaken a review and revision of the Education Policy according greater priority to Primary Education and privatising higher education to divert funds from higher education to primary education;

(b) if so, what decision have also since been taken in the matter; and

(c) the details of the projects to be taken in implementation thereof in the years to come?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The extant policy is the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 which was last reviewed and updated in 1992. Universalisation of Elementary Education has been accorded high priority in the policy. The NPE also envisages encouragement of non-government and voluntary effort, subject to proper management.

Technology for conversion of mineral

4166. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest technology for conversion of mineral; Calcium Bentonite, to Sodium Bentonite, is available in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to seek help from other developed/advance countries in this regard for the benefits of Indian exporters/dealers. and

(c) what other facilities Government propose to give in this field